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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 AND 1.98

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find an European Search Report in connection with an European patent application corresponding to the above-identified application. Also enclosed are copies of documents cited in this European Search Report. Further enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, listing the enclosed documents cited in the European Search Report.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application, but prior to a Final rejection or issuance of a Notice of Allowance, or any other action closing prosecution on the merits in the above-identified application. For satisfying

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requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(c), the following statement is made under 37 CFR 1.97(e):

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

To the extent that the enclosed cited documents are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the enclosed European Search Report and English abstract of the published PCT application.

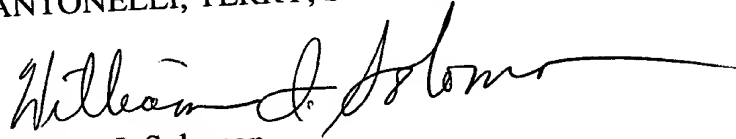
In view of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with all enclosed documents. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents, upon further examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with

the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 500.38665X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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